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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Impact of Tape Read/Write Problems on the  
OCR Directories Project

In December 1976 and January and February 1977 ETEC hardware tape problems (e.g., skew check and dust problems) caused two to three weeks delay in the final delivery of the Albanian Directories to OCR. We have taken programming steps to aid the OCR analyst in recognizing omitted directory data caused by such ETEC tape read/write hardware problems. The final delivery of the Albanian Directories occurred on 31 March 1977.

In mid March 1977 the ODP OCR Directories team encountered a problem, since resolved, in creating multi-file ETEC input tape for input into the ETEC system. This delayed OCR Directories software development by only about one day and did not impact generation of the Albanian Directories since all tape handling associated with these directories occurred prior to March.

In March 1977 ATEC engineers installed a new version of ETEC software. This software had bugs that brought down the tape read/write capability on ETEC system. Consequently OCR Directories software development was delayed about one week, but, as in the case above the generation of the Albanian Directories was not impacted since all tape handling associated with this effort occurred previously. On 31 March 1977, we were informed by ETEC personnel that the ETEC tape read/write capability had been restored.

In summary ETEC hardware tape read/write problems in December, January and February caused a delay of two to three weeks in the delivery of the Albanian

Directories to OCR. Other tape problems in March caused a delay of about one week in OCR Directories software development, but had no impact on the delivery of the Albanian Directories to OCR which occurred on 31 March 1977.

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